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1. SUMMARY STATEMENT: RELATIVELY MODEST ($35,000 P/A) GRANT MILITARY TRAINING ASSISTANCE PROVIDED NEPAL IS ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE TO LIMITED U.S. OBJECTIVES. IT SHOULD BE MAINTAINED OVER THE PERIOD 1976-80 WITH SUITABLE CHANGES TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT INFLATIONARY PRESSURES. THIS PROGRAM FOSTERS THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRO-WESTERN/U.S. ATTITUDES AMONG NEPAL'S MILITARY LEADERSHIP AND HELPS TO MAINTAIN THE ROYAL NEPALESE ARMY'S COMMUNICATIONS AND LOGISTIC CAPABILITIES TO WHICH THE U.S. IN THE PAST PROVIDED EQUIPMENT.

2. NEPAL'S BASIC MILIARY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS ARE MET FOR THE MOST PART BY INDIA, WITH SOME INPUT FROM THE UK AND PRC. THERE IS NO NEED TO INITIATE A MAP EQUIPMENT PROGRAM BECAUSE AT PRESENT NEPAL'S NEEDS ARE ADQUATELY MET BY OTHER SUPPLIERS AND NO EXTERNAL THREAT EXISTS OR IS LIKELY TO ARISE IN THE
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FORESEEABLE FUTURE. THE LIMITED U.S. TRAINING PROGRAM SHOULD

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NOT BE REDUCED HOWEVER BECAUSE IT IS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF
CONTINUED U.S. CONCERN FOR NEPAL'S INDEPENDENCE AND STABILITY.
ANY DIMUNITION WOULD BE REGARDED BY THE GON AS A LESSENING
OF USG INTEREST IN NEPAL.

3. THE OVERALL U.S. POLICY TOWARDS THIS REGION IS TO PROMOTE
PEACE AND STABILITY AND TO PREVENT ANY POWER HOSTILE TO THE
U.S. OBTAINING A POSITION OF DOMINANCE. THE U.S. CONSEQUENTLY
SEEKS TO PROMOTE THE INTERNAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
OF AN INDEPENDENT NEPAL. U.S. AND THIRD COUNTRY ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WHICH TOTAL OVER $30 MILLION ANNUALLY ARE
DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE THIS END, AS ARE THOSE OF THE MULTILATERAL
INSTITUTIONS. IN A SMALL WAY, THE GRANT MILITARY TRAINING
PROGRAM IS A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR AS WELL.
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